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Councilman's resignation shocks colleagues

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

The abrupt resignation of Romulus Councilman Charles Miller before the city council meeting Monday night came as a shock to city officials.

"I think the whole situation really caught the members of city council by surprise," said Councilman Leroy Burcroff.

All that is known at this point is that Miller was irritated during a study session on the subject of the city's water shut-off policy. City officials said that Miller became upset when he brought up a phone call that he received from a handicapped Romulus resident who had his water shut off. Then, for no apparent reason, Miller got up and left the council chambers in the middle of the session.

"He literally just got up and walked out," said one city official, who didn't want her name used. "We were all sitting there with our mouths wide open, because we couldn't believe what had just happened."

Romulus Clerk Linda Choate said Miller returned to the building just before the council meeting started and handed her his letter of resignation.

If it is true, it is really too bad, because the people elected him to serve a four-year term and it is only right that he serve out that term.

Councilman William Wadsworth

"He did, in fact, submit a letter of resignation," said Choate, "but that is all I can comment on at this point."

Miller was elected to office in 2001 for a four-year term that is set to expire in 2005, but other council members are wondering what happened.

"I don't understand what his reasons are," said Burcroff. "He was a good advocate for the people of this city."

Burcroff said he sensed some frustration from Miller, but he said he still isn't sure exactly what pushed him to the point of resignation.

"Possibly it is that he became overcome with frustration for the process," said Burcroff. "All I can say is that I wish him the best of luck in whatever he does."

Councilman William Wadsworth but said he still had hope that it would be acknowledged.

"If it is true, it is really too bad, because the people elected him to serve a four-year term and it is only right that he serve out that term," said Wadsworth.

The resignation will be presented to the city council during the next meeting on Sept. 27. The city council will have to acknowledge the letter before they can begin the process of filling the vacant seat.

Choate said that once the council acknowledges the resignation, the city charter dictates that the council will have 45 days to fill the seat. As far as the process council will follow to do that, Choate said she believed that the council would be responsible for setting up criteria for selecting Miller's replacement. The person selected would then serve out the final year of Miller's term.

Mayor Alan Lambert was asked for comment on the resignation, but representatives from his office said they were awaiting official documentation of the letter of resignation and could not make a comment until it was received.

Miller could also not be reached for comment as of press time Tuesday.



Community High principal, Al Wilkerson and his North Central Association co-chairs, Karen Powell and Charles TenBroeck.

High school receives accreditation

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus Community High School is now accredited by the North Central Association (NCA) as a special purpose school.

Community High, a school of choice, serves students from 15 different communities with a majority coming from Romulus and Belleville. The school is one of only five alternative schools in the state of Michigan to receive this accreditation.

Principal Al Wilkerson, formerly a counselor at both Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School, said he was elated to receive this award.

"My NCA team, co-chaired by Karen Powell and Charles TenBroeck, did a great job working with our staff and preparing the necessary docu-

ments for our NCA presentation," said Wilkerson. "I would also like to compliment my staff for developing and implementing the ideas and programs necessary to make the NCA requirements."

Wilkerson said he is proud of the curriculum offered at Community High, which features college level courses.

"Our students receive the opportunity to earn college credits and many of them use this positive experience to continue their education at the university level," he said.

Wilkerson said the academics of the school are not the only positive offered. The flag football and basketball teams have won two state alternative school championships.

"We have 60 teams in the Alternative Athletic Association and our students really look forward to the regular season and the state tournaments," he said.

The school chess and bowling teams narrowly missed a shot at their state championships last year.

The passion Wilkerson displays for his job and his students has not gone unnoticed by school officials.

"(Wilkerson) has a special way and a relationship with his students," said Superintendent Joel Carr. "He encourages them to attend school, is understanding if they have some difficulties and allows them to start over the next marking period if necessary."

Carr also said that the Community High commencement ceremonies are now as large as the Romulus High School programs crediting Wilkerson for the increased enrollment.

"(Wilkerson) has done an outstanding job with the Community High and our alternative education program."

Annual Pumpkin Festival begins with parade Friday

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Each September the City of Romulus and its residents start to have a familiar spring in their step. There is a buzz of excitement that starts to fill up the downtown area as people anxiously await the third week of the month.

It is time for the Pumpkin Festival again.

"People really look forward to this event throughout the year," said Mayor Alan Lambert. "It is something that people get excited about each fall and it seems like it keeps getting bigger and bigger."

The three-day festival begins at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 with the annual bingo benefit at the old Department of Public Works (DPW) building on Bibbins Road. All of the proceeds from this event will go to the Friends of the Romulus Animal Shelter. Their

goal is to eventually generate enough money to build a new and updated animal shelter in the city.

Lambert, however, said he looked forward to the activities planned for Friday night. After more than 30 years, Lambert's grade school band, Pre Science Illusion (PSI) will be performing on the stage at the Pumpkin Festival.

"We started the band when we were 12 years old," said Lambert. "We played at all the dances and everything through high school and we just thought it would be fun to get back together at the Pumpkin Festival."

Other members of the original band include Bob Sweet on guitar and Warren Kennedy on the bass guitar. Tom Harvey, a resident of Romulus, will also be joining the band for the reunion show, also playing the bass guitar. Lambert

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The lighted parade, which takes place Friday night, is one of the more popular events during the Pumpkin Festival.

Expansion to improve service at veteran hospital

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Belleville Animal Hospital is working to improve the services they provide by expanding their facility.

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved the first reading to amend the zoning ordinance for the hospital land, bringing them one step closer to a bigger home. The amendment will go in front of the township board for a second reading, according to Township Supervisor Cindy King.

Chris White, head technical

office manager for the animal hospital, said that this past spring was when they knew it was time to expand their facility.

"With the new patients that we have been receiving, things have started to become kind of cramped around here," she said. "That's why we're building bigger."

The clinic will double in size to 3,600 square feet. To do so, the house next door, owned by Dr. Gerald Graf, will be torn down. A bigger parking lot, more exam rooms—one for cats and one for dogs—a wider laboratory, a pharmacy and a second surgery room

will be added, said White.

White said that construction has already started and the new addition is set to be completed this year.

Located at 437 Sumpter Road, the Belleville Animal Hospital

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Chris White

currently has four doctors. Although new patients are coming in, White said that she is uncertain whether or not more doctors will be joining the hospital force.

"We are not looking to hire

more people now, but it's always possible in the future," she said.

Graf opened the hospital in 1972 in Belleville. The services they provide include: surgeries, x-rays, dental work, ultrasounds, in-house laboratory work and basic health check-ups.

"Everything is going just as we planned," said White. "We hope that when the construction is done, people won't have to wait as long for care. It's especially important with animals."

"With two surgery rooms, we will be able to utilize things a lot better and do a lot more surgeries," she added.



On the 'grow'

As the City of Belleville continues to grow, so do the home developments in the area. The Crosswinds organization opened another community in Van Buren Township—Country Walk Condos—located off I-94 and I-275 on the corner of Martinsville Road and Savage Road, hoping to build more than 30 premier condominium units. Public officials—Township Treasurer Sharry Budd, Janet Millard, executive director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, 34th District Judge David Parrott, Louise Williamson, personnel director for the Van Buren Public School District, and employees from Crosswinds were just some of people who helped welcome the new community into the area. Tinisha Pugh, coordinator from Crosswinds, cut the ribbon on Thursday at the VIP party. Country Walk Condos held the grand opening party on Saturday.

Congressman to host local office hours

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) will host office hours for constituents of Belleville and Van Buren Township from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. today at the Fred C. Fischer Library, located at 167 Fourth Street in Belleville.

Rep. McCotter and his staff will provide

assistance with issues involving the federal government, including social security, Medicare, military and veteran's affairs, small business concerns, student loan repayments and other issues.

For more information, contact Pat Wierzbicki at 734-632-0314.

NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 285, as amended (The Municipal Planning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus City Council will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2004 for the purpose of considering adoption of an ordinance approving the Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the City of Romulus. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

All are encouraged to attend, and will be given an opportunity to comment on the plan. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, September 27, 2004, and should be addressed to Tim Keyes, Community Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485; (734) 942-7545.

Linda R. Choate
City Clerk

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Clarification

In the legal notice published Sept. 9, 2004 for the City of Romulus, titled "Notice of public hearing on the amended and restated development plan and tax increment financing plan of the Romulus Downtown Development Authority," the wrong map was printed.

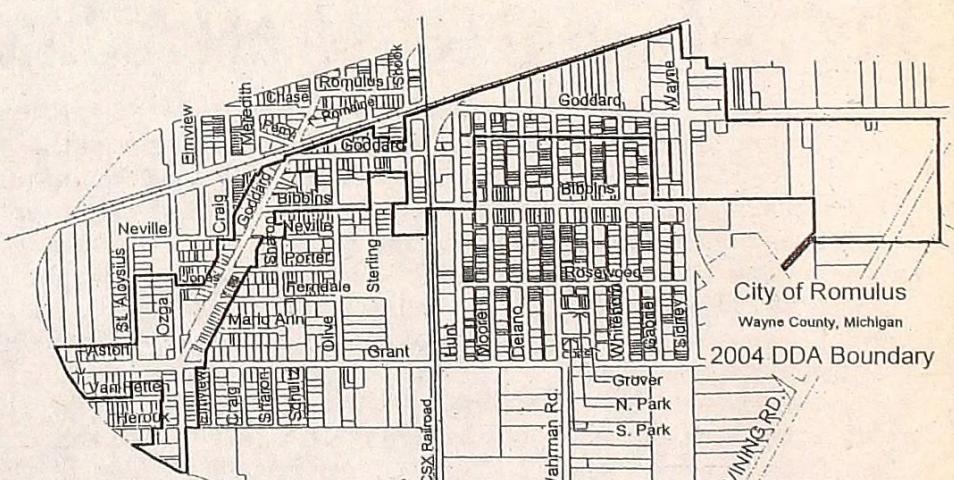
The correct map and notice are directly below this clarification.

CITY OF ROMULUS COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE ROMULUS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 27th day of September, 2004, at 6:00 o'clock, p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, to consider the adoption of an ordinance approving an Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Romulus Downtown Development Authority pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended.

The boundaries of the development area to which the amended Plan applies are as follows:



Copies of the proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan, maps, etc. are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Romulus Downtown Development Authority.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the Economic Development Director of the City of Romulus..

This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

Linda Choate
Clerk, City of Romulus

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The Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) hosted the annual awards program last Thursday night to wrap up their summer art colony. The event took place at the Fred C. Fischer Library, displaying work from the artists who participated. Sandra Somers won Best Local Scene and \$300 for her acrylic painting of a Belleville historic house.

Art colony wraps up with awards

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Last week, area artists were awarded for their "street work."

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) hosted their annual awards program last Thursday night to wrap up their summer art colony. The event took place at the Fred C. Fischer Library in downtown Belleville, displaying work from the artists who participated.

This year, the colony included area artists Jane Kovach of Belleville, Sandra Meyer of Belleville, Sandra Somers of New Boston, Rhonda Dutton of Belleville, Adam Hume of Romulus, Nicki Pijanowski of Belleville, Chesley Odom of Belleville, Sheri Chaffee of Belleville, Cheri Van Gelder of Belleville, Diane Eissinger of Belleville, Carol Anne Belmont of Romulus, Sarah Meyer of Dearborn, Jean Morris of Belleville and Karen Cash of Belleville.

The winners included: Dutton, who won Best of Show and \$300; Somers, who won Best Local Scene and \$300; Pijanowski, who won first place and \$125; Odom, who won second place and \$100; and Chaffee, who won third place and \$75. The honorable mention awards went to Van Gelder and Eissinger, who both received \$50.

Janet Millard, organizer of the event, said that artists enter their pieces, which were completed during the colony. Since there were four days in the colony, they can enter up to four pieces of art, she said.

Judges Sylvia and Robert Vigiletti and Tanya Sepell said that each piece of art was judged on craftsmanship, creativity, presentation and other guidelines.

"We went back and forth on the Best of Show and Best Local Scene because all of them were so nicely done," said Vigiletti. "I was particularly impressed with the framing

on the works. The presentation is a very critical point. Everything was framed very well."

The City of Belleville, the Central Business Community and the Arts Council developed, sponsored and co-managed the first Belleville Art Colony in 1997. The concept of an "Artist in Residence" brought professional artists to the city to demonstrate and encourage other artists to join in their efforts. The Art Colony began in 1997 with artists in attendance every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday of the month, according to the group.

The central group of artists who participated in the Belleville Art Colony were professionals who were selected to help by example and expertise every Friday.

Somers has an extensive background in painting and does it for a living. She is a primitive painter who always incorporates a season into her themes.

Now that the colony is done, she said that she will begin working on Christmas cards and will donate them to the Ronald McDonald House.

This was the sixth year she participated in the Art Colony, where she created another acrylic painting of a Belleville historic house—the Frank Clark Victorian house on Columbia Street, she said. She was happy to receive an award for it.

Pijanowski, who won first place for her pencil portrait of the Belleville Comfort Station, said that she will continue working on various portraits.

"What started out as a hobby has now grown," she said. "I find the work very relaxing. Now, I'm venturing into animals, houses and buildings. All of it is done with pencil, but sometimes I like to throw a little color in here and there."

Eissinger, who won honorable mention for her Dos Pesos glasswork, said that she will donate the piece to the restaurant.

"It was a step-by-step process that took about a month to finish, but now I can't wait to give it to Dos Pesos," she said. "I got a great response from them."

Eissinger's next art project will be window work at a church in Saline.



Diane Eissinger (right) received honorable mention and \$50 for her Dos Pesos glasswork.

Bingo benefit helps raise funds for animal shelter

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Anyone that knows Romulus Councilman William Wadsworth knows he is an avid animal lover.

It is also no secret that for more than two years he has been on a mission to help the animals in Romulus.

"The building they are in right now is more than 70 years old," said Wadsworth, "and the working conditions that our animal control officers have to work in are deplorable."

Wadsworth referenced the current animal shelter located on Goddard Road. It is a small building, not large enough to cage many animals at once, and Wadsworth said that is what is so sad about the situation.

Wadsworth began the Friends of the Animal Shelter in order to raise funds for a new animal shelter in Romulus, he said. The group has just passed a significant milestone.

"We broke the \$50,000 mark this week," said Wadsworth. "We are working hard to get this done for the animals."

Many different businesses and organizations during the last two years have donated profits from fundraisers to the Friends of the Animal Shelter project and it is not slowing down now.

All proceeds from the annual bingo benefit during the Pumpkin Festival will go directly to help pay for a new animal shelter.

From 1-11 p.m. both Friday and Saturday and 1-8 p.m. on Sunday, the bingo benefit will be open for play in the former Department of Public Works (DPW) building located on Bibbins Road adjacent from the Romulus recreation department.

"This is a great way for people to come out and have fun and help a good cause at the same time," said Wadsworth. "Every penny we raise is going to help raise money for the new animal shelter. It is worth it."

"In 2002 they had to put more than 900 animals to sleep, because there wasn't enough room," he added. "It is great that the same year, they were able to adopt out about 300, but still the first number is too high."

Historical museum offers tours, history during festival

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

During the Pumpkin Festival, the Romulus Historical Society will offer people a chance to take a step back in time to the year 1855.

The Romulus Historical Museum and the Samuel Kingsley House will both be opened to the public from noon to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday with a number of activities right out of the civil war era.

"Since the Kingsley House was built in 1855, we thought it

was right to have our events center around the civil war," said Pearl Varner, director of the museum.

There will be Civil War living history, early American craft demonstrations, music and Kingsley house tours throughout both days. There will also be Civil War diaries on display at the museum and tours showing the secret trap doors within the Kingsley House that Varner said she believes were used as part of the Underground Railroad.

"It will be a lot of fun for everyone," she said.

Festival

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will be in the back, playing the drums and singing.

"We are looking forward to it," said Lambert. "We all sing and it should be a really good time."

After the Romulus edition of the VH1 show, Bands Reunited, the annual Parade of Lights will run from city hall on Wayne Road up Goddard Road through the downtown area to its destination at Five Points. More than 65 entries have been submitted to take part in the event and, if nothing else, the streets of Romulus will be lit up like no other night of the year.

There will also be more than 80 vendors along Goddard Road with different arts and crafts throughout the festival weekend.

The downtown area on Goddard Road will be packed with Romulus residents throughout the day on Saturday as many

events are planned.

"It is a great day in Romulus, because a lot of the time people don't come out and talk to their neighbors on a daily basis," said Lambert. "This festival gives people the opportunity to get out there and get together with the rest of the community."

Some of the key events taking place Saturday include the annual Romulus Car Show at 11 a.m. and the Romulus Public Library used book sale, also at 11 a.m. Saturday night will give residents a chance to see the finalists in the Romulus "American Idol" perform beginning at 6:30 p.m.

On the final day of the festival there will be a number of events including the pie-eating contest at 1 p.m.

"There are so many things to do during the festival," said Lambert. "I think that is what makes it so great, there is something for everyone."

For more information on Pumpkin Festival events and entertainment call (734) 955-4577.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2004**

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Planning and Zoning Administrator Pugsley, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Environmental Director Swallow, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Lieutenant Brooks, Secretary Cline and an audience of fifty-four (54).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of "New Business" Item #13 "Consider attorney's recommendation regarding case number 01-122670-NZ." and moving "Correspondence" following the approval of the "Agenda". Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor King, Lieutenant Brooks and Trustee Rochowiak announced the promotions of Police Officers Ken Floro and Jeffery Gueli to the rank of Sergeant and presented them with their badges.

Officer Bart DeVos expressed his thanks to everyone involved with this year's "Camp with a Cop" particularly the businesses who donated food, bicycles and helmets. Camp participants Tara Pope and Jalen Torez were presented the bicycles and helmets they won at camp. Director Ross was presented with the National Recreation & Park Association "Partnership Award" plaque the "Camp with a Cop" program recently received. Officer DeVos thanked Director Ross for sending in an application. Director Kelley was presented a certificate of appreciation for his contributions. Finally, a video of this year's camp will be available through Belleville High School Video Club.

A correspondence from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness stating the Township has earned the "Promoting Active Communities - Level 4 Award". Supervisor King thanked Director Ross for his efforts.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, sponsored by the Environmental Quality Company will be held on Saturday, October 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Quality Company parking lot located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive for Van Buren Township residents to dispose of hazardous waste in an environmentally safe manner.

A thank you letter from a resident to the Van Buren Fire Department for their assistance.

PUBLIC HEARING: Payne moved, Jahr seconded to open the public hearing to establish the special assessment district for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the public road right of way in the Pine Forest Subdivision. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated Pine Forest Subdivision is located on the east side of Elwell Road and south of West Huron River Drive and consists of 114 single family homes. The Pine Forest Homeowners' Association has filed a petition with over fifty percent of the homeowners' signatures for the installation of two street lights one to be placed at each entrance of the subdivision. This public hearing is to establish a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the purpose of installing and maintaining overhead street lighting and a second public hearing will be held upon approval of the SAD to approve spreading the special assessment to the tax roll. The Township uses the special assessment process to provide a method to collect payment for street lighting via the property tax bill. The capital outlay for construction costs to be paid by the homeowner's association will be \$2,411.21. The initial annual cost will be \$515.50, or \$4.52 per lot.

There were no comments from the Board or the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Jahr moved, Herman seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment or the special assessment roll for the purpose of developing design and construction plans for improvements to Venetian and DeWitt Streets south of I-94. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated this public hearing is to spread the special assessment roll for the purpose of developing design and construction plans for improvements to Venetian and a portion of DeWitt Streets. The low bid received was from the Township's Engineers Wade-Tim/Associates, who submitted two bid alternatives. Alternative number one was a complete job bid from the beginning of the process including the topographic and level survey of the roads all the way through the bidding process. Alternative number two includes the following: a topographic and level survey of the roads, soil borings, meetings with Wayne County Public Services to review the information to determine the most cost effective design and develop preliminary engineering plans. The members of the SAD have chosen alternative two at a cost not to exceed \$5,500 to be spread via the special assessment roll.

Supervisor King stated the Board's agenda packet included the Special Assessment Roll that lists each parcel in the SAD, the address, the owner, the number of units and the cost. Director Kelley stated these taxpayers were notified via mail of this information. This special assessment is for one tax year and most of the special assessments are for \$203.70 for one unit and varying for those with more or less than a unit.

There were no comments from the Board or the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved, Herman seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on special use approval request by Seventh Day Adventist Church to construct and operate a church on parcel V125-83-038-99-0053-000 known as 8091 Belleville Road. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Administrator Pugsley for an explanation. Administrator Pugsley stated the applicant, Seventh Day Adventist Church is requesting a special approval to construct a 4,900 square foot building on approximately 5 acres of land known as 8901 Belleville Road. The zoning ordinance requires special approval by the Board of Trustees to allow a church to be constructed in a residentially zoned area. The Planning Commission held several public hearings and at the July 14, 2004 meeting moved to recommend the special use approval to the Board of Trustees, based on the upon the Township's Planning Consultant's review letter of July 8, 2004.

Pastor Doucomumes and Steve Erickson Architect of the Seventh Day Adventist Church gave a presentation of plans for the church and reviewed the following information: two fenced detention ponds for storm water drainage, a parking lot with 39 spaces, screening of neighboring property with landscaping and restrictions of parking lot lighting.

Supervisor King reviewed the information the Board of Trustees had in their agenda packets and stated the recommendation by the Planning Commission, Township Planning Consultants and staff is to grant approval for the special request by the Seventh Day Adventist Church. This is a relocation of the church from the City of Belleville.

Trustee Jahr stated the use for the church is primarily for church services. Pastor Doucomumes stated the church would be used for church services on Saturday mornings and for church meetings during the week. Trustee Herman stated at the Planning Commission meetings the following issues were addressed: parking lot lighting, buffering of neighbors with landscaping and road improvements to Belleville Road by the addition of a deceleration/by-pass lanes.

Trustee Hart inquired about the lighting and Director Kelley stated the lighting discussed was for the parking lot and at this point the security lights had not been presented.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of August 16, 2004 as presented. Carried.

Herman moved Budd seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2004 as presented. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2004-24 Tax Levy. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2004-25 Lot Split(s)/Address(s) Wayne County Assessment and Equalization Tax Mapping Charges. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2004-26 establishing a special assessment district (SAD) for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the Pine Forest Subdivision. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2004-27 establishing the special assessment roll for the purpose of developing design and construction plans for improvements to Venetian and DeWitt Streets south of I-94. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the special use approval request by Seventh Day Adventist Church at 8091 Belleville Road, to construct and operate a church on parcel number V125-83-038-99-0053-000, based on the Planning Commission's facts and findings in meetings held March 24, 2004 and July 14, 2004, and the letter of recommendation of the Planning Consultant dated July 8, 2004 with exceptions as noted in the Planning Commission motion of July 14, 2004 recommending approval. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2005, Police Officer Labor Council (POLC) Contract for Command Officers. Carried.

Budd moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2004-28 Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) Plan Documents and Resolutions for Police Officer Labor Council (POLC) Command Division. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to approve Wade-Tim/Associates' proposal dated August 13, 2004 to provide plans and specifications for water main and sanitary sewer connections to the Mission Pointe on the Lake Subdivision on a time and materials basis, using Rate Schedule 2004A, in an amount not to exceed \$35,200. Carried.

Herman moved, Budd seconded to approve the agreement for the Visteon Village Lake Recreational Trails construction project between the Charter Township of Van Buren and WH Canon Company in the amount of \$225,924, to authorize an additional \$22,592 in construction funding as a 10% contingency budget to be used at the direction and discretion of the Environmental Director, and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. One half of these amounts, \$112,296 and \$11,296 respectively, will be funded by the Rouge Program Office grant and the other half will be funded by the Local Development Finance Authority. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the proposal from Insight Environmental Services, Inc. for Surface Water and Sediment Sampling Survey along the I-94 Service Drive in an amount not to exceed \$4,870 and to authorize the Supervisor and the Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Herman moved, Payne seconded to approve the Planned Residential Development (PRD) Agreement between the Charter Township of Van Buren and C.A. Kime, Inc.

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL
HELD AUGUST 23, 2004 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD,
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller,
Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-358

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 9, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Miller, Romak. Motion Carried.

04-359

3A. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to grant authorization for a "Block Party", to be held on September 4, 2004, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Dexter Street, between Horace Jackson and Hazel Streets, Romulus Michigan, 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-360

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to grant a No-Fee Permit for a vendors license to the Rotary Club during the Pumpkin Festival, September 17, 18, and 19 in downtown Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-361

3C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of City Planner Cynthia Lyon and Consultant Jeff Purdy and PC-2004-020 and introduce an ordinance to rezone 8.92+ acres, south side of Huron River Drive, east of Hannan Road, from RI-B, Single Family Residential District, to Rural Character Overlay District. DP #8280-075-99-0008-000, DP#82-80-075-99-0009-000 and DP# 82-80-075-99-0010-000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak. Motion Failed.

04-362

3D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and PC-2004-019 and introduce an ordinance to rezone 1.01 +- acres of Parcel 82-80-026-99-0015-701 located at the Northeast corner of Hannan Road North of Ecorse Road from C-2 General Business District to C-3, Highway Service District. Zoning Map Amendment # 1.198.

Roll Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-363

3E. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the request to transfer ownership of a 2004 12-month Resort B-Hotel licensed business with dance permit located at 30559 Flynn Drive, Romulus, Michigan, Wayne County, I.D. #262941 from CCMH Romulus LLC, Host LaJolla, LLC and Marriott Hotel Services Inc., to GGH Hotel Operator Inc., and HGG Romulus LLC, Co-Licensees.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3F. Deleted.*(See Resolution #04-374).

04-364

4A. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller to accept the Chairman's Report and to authorize the City Attorney James E. Tamm to proceed pursuant to his recommendation in the law suit ORCO Investments Inc. v City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

04-365

5A. Motion by Miller, supported by Romak to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway, and extend Bid 01/02-26 with Albin Business Center for the acquisition of one additional Konica 7135 copy machine at the original bid price of \$8,298.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-366

5B. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller to award Bid 04-05/03 Gravel,

Limestone, Sand & Topsoil to the lowest bidder, Northline Trucking for a two year contract to be delivered on an as needed basis.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-367

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway, and D.P.W. Director Carl Brooks and respectfully extend Bid 02/03-69 Mosquito Control with Clark Mosquito Control Company for the 2004 season at the current bid price.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-368

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Mayor to enter into a six months maximum term contract with Ms. Kathleen Trent as Public Relations Director for the City of Romulus - subject to mutual renewal.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - Miller, Romak. Motion Carried.

04-369

6A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and award city owned parcel numbers: 014 03 0053 000, 014 03 0054 000, 014 03 0055 000, 014 03 0056 000, 144 02 0095 000, 144 02 0098 000 to Paul Witherow in the total amount of \$30,000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-370

6A2a. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller in accordance with Section 7.3 of the Romulus City Charter to declare that an emergency exists with the adoption of an Amendment to Chapter 38, Appendix B - Romulus Employees Pension Ordinance and same shall be introduced, adopted and made effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-371

6A2b. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller, to adopt the enabling Resolution and an ordinance amending the Romulus Code of Ordinances Chapter 38, Appendix B, City of Romulus Employee Pension Plan; an amendment which will permit 34th District Court Employees to transfer from the Romulus Employee Pension Plan to the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement System. Same to be introduced, adopted and declared effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-372

6A3. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution calling for a Public Hearing to be scheduled for Monday, September 27, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chamber, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan regarding approval of the Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Romulus downtown Development Authority. Complete resolution on file in the clerks office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-373

8A. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to forward a Resolution to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) opposing issuance of an operating permit to EDS.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-374

8B. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, October 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to consider an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1874, as amended for Aerostar Manufacturing, 28275 Northline Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-375

11A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to approve Warrant 04-16, authorizing the City Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds in the amount of Six Hundred Thirty Five Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety Three Dollars and Seventy One Cents (\$63,569.37).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Events**Community dance**

Van Buren Township will host a community dance from 8-11 p.m. Sept. 18 at township hall. Participants will also be able to receive lessons prior to the dance from 7-8 p.m. Tickets are \$4 per person for the lessons and \$7 per person for the dance social. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact the township recreation and facilities department at 734-699-8926.

High School Reunion

The Belleville High School will host the sixth annual alumni banquet for friends and class-

mates from 3-8 p.m. on Sept. 18 at the high school cafeteria. The event will include a social hour and dinner to follow at 5 p.m. with classmates seated together. Tickets are \$15. For more information, or to purchase a ticket, contact Mildred Baker at 734-699-5231. Make checks payable to: Mildred Baker, Treasurer, 139 Clarence St., Belleville, MI, 48111.

Dance Lessons

Van Buren Township will hold youth classes at township hall beginning Sept. 18 for various dance lessons including:

kinderjazz and kinderballet for ages 4-6, ages 7 and older and ages 12 and older. Prices for each class vary: \$36 for ages 4-6, \$42 for ages 7 and older and \$48 for ages 12 and older. For more information, or to reserve a spot, call the township recreation and facilities department at 734-699-8926.

Pumpkin Festival

The city of Romulus will become a veritable pumpkin patch in two weeks when the annual Pumpkin Festival commences. The festival will take place during the daytime and

evening hours of Sept. 17-19. Kids will enjoy several activities, including arts and crafts, games, and musical performances. The Parade of Lights will also take place.

Stand tall or Fall Short

Ike McKinnon, former chief of Detroit police, will present a motivation speech entitled Stand Tall or Fall Short from 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23 at the Wayne Public Library. The speech is based on his life, and sprinkled with anecdotes from life as a police officer. McKinnon will also bring copies

of his book to sell and sign. The event is free, but attendees should pre-register before Sept. 21 to register call the library at (734) 721-7832.

Newburgh Roadshow

The Westland Friendship Center will host its third Newburgh Roadshow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 17. A variety of experts will give out written appraisals on old and unique items for \$3. There is also a \$1 admission charge. For more information, call the Friendship Center at (734) 722-7632.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDINANCE 09-07-04 PROPOSED REZONING MAP

First Reading of Ordinance 09-07-04, Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. regular meeting of the Board of Trustee on Tuesday, 09-21-04 to be held in the Board Room, in the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 6-6-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

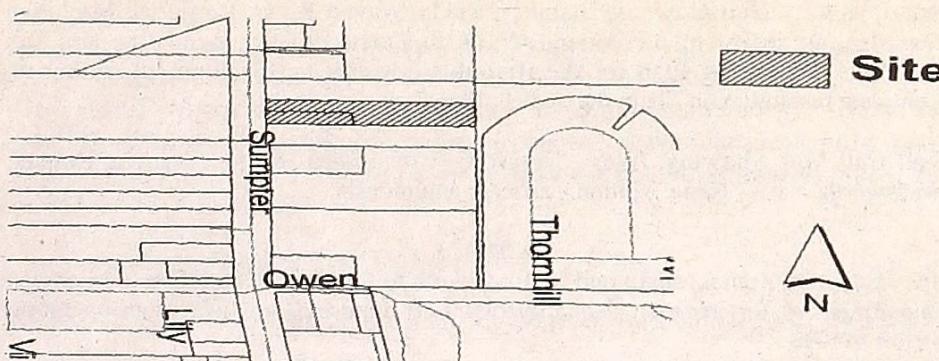
Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:

Ordinance Number 09-07-04

To rezone parcel numbers: V125-83-106-99-0008-001 and V125-83-106-99-0008-002 from M-1 (Light Industrial) to C-1 (General Business).

Legal Description of Property:

Parcel numbers: V125-83-106-99-0008-001 and V125-83-106-99-0008-002 are located on the east side of Sumpter Road between the City of Belleville and Hull Road.



Section 2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2004.

Yea's: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak.

Nay's: None.

Absent: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 09-07-04 was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 23, 2004.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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for the development and construction of Cobblestone Creek Villas, an attached condominium development and Cobblestone Creek Woodlands, a detached condominium development known generally as Cobblestone Creek Condominiums, per the recommendations and approvals by the Township Planning Commission, the Township's Planning Consultant in a letter dated August 9, 2004 and a letter from the Township's Engineering Consultant, dated May 18, 2004 and corrections and modifications per the Township's legal counsel, in a letter dated July 19, 2004. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Payne, Rochowiak, Budd, Herman and King. Nays: Hart and Jahr. Absent and excused: None. Carried.

Jahr moved, Herman seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 09-07-04, to amend the Township's Zoning map by rezoning a parcels of land known as V125-83-106-99-0008-001 and V125-83-106-99-0008-002 from M-1 (Light Industrial) to C-1 (General Business). Carried.

*(A copy of Ordinance 09-07-04 follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve attorney's recommendation regarding case number 01-122670-NZ. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the September 7, 2004 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the July 2004 Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, sponsored by the Environmental Quality Company will be held on Saturday, October 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Quality Company parking lot located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive for Van Buren Township residents to dispose of hazardous waste in an environmentally safe manner.

The Recreation Department is offering the following programs and events. A Junior Jazzercise program for children will be held on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. On September 18th a Community Dance Social will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Township Hall dining room. For further information on programs and events contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident complimented the "Camp with a Cop" program.

A resident voiced his concerns in regard to a garage/accessory structure being built by a neighbor in regard to the various items such as land survey, property lines, easements, setbacks and building ordinances. Supervisor King stated that Director Kelley would continue to address the issue and keep the Board of Trustees and the resident informed.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 10:01 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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OPINION

Yes vote important

Voters in the Plymouth-Canton and Northville Public School District will face important choices when they head to the polls for special elections on Sept. 28.

The choices are about funding, of course.

Of the two districts, the Plymouth-Canton Community District faces the largest issue. Voters will be asked to renew an 18 mill tax levy on non-homestead property as well as a \$109 million bond issue to pay for the construction of a new elementary school along with renovations and maintenance work on virtually every other school in the district.

The 18 mill renewal should be a no-brainer. It does not affect residential tax payers at all; it is levied on businesses and residences like apartment complexes, rental homes or vacant land. It amounts to \$29 million that the district has already factored into its budget, making up about 22 percent of it, according to school officials. Its loss would be devastating to the community.

The second portion of the election, the bond proposal, would result in a tax increase for taxpayers throughout the district, although not a large one. A taxpayer with a home valued at \$234,000 would pay an additional \$47 each year. For that paltry sum, the district will be able to pay for the construction of a \$15 million elementary school in Canton Township and still have \$94 million to use on upgrades and needed repairs at every school in the district constructed before the year 2000.

Are the repairs needed? Yes. The bond issue is necessary for taxpayers to make good on an investment they've already made. The construction work, spread out over a period of several years, will greatly extend the life of many of the schools.

Is the new elementary school needed? Yes. Nearly all of the elementary schools in the district are over capacity. A new school would alleviate that; it would allow for a redistricting process that could keep class sizes down and offer a more personalized educational environment.

Voters should vote yes on both proposals.

In Northville, voters will be asked to approve the addition of .05 of a mill on non-homestead properties. It may seem like a small issue, but it could have a large effect – without the additional .05 mills, the district will no longer qualify for \$315,000 in state funding. With the state budget the way it is, the district will need every penny to maintain its high quality education.

Both districts, by the way, should be commended for their informational campaign about these issues. The use of web sites, at www.pccs.k12.mi.us for Plymouth and www.northville.k12.mi.us for Northville are very informative. In Plymouth particularly, residents can use this tool to find out exactly what is going on at each particular school. It should be the model for bond campaigns from here on out.

A prescription for success

Sometimes, it's all about opportunity.

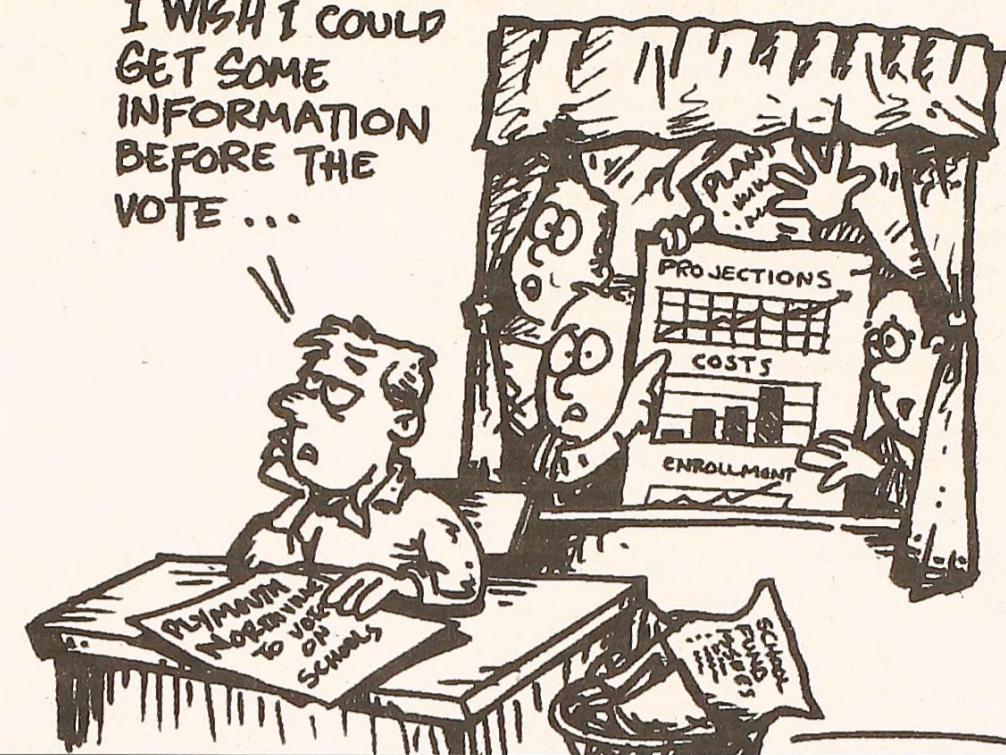
Citizens of the City of Westland should realize that when they receive their fall mailing from the city. It will, among other things, offer them the opportunity to take part in a city-wide discounted prescription program.

The program is open to residents of all ages, regardless of income, other health insurance coverage or previous conditions and it will be accepted at every major chain drug store. It's an opportunity they should take.

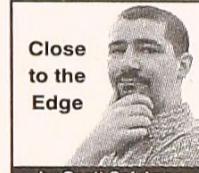
If and when they do, they should also realize something else: it's a pretty rare opportunity, in the first place. When the city council approves the plan at their next meeting, the city will become the first non-county unit of government to take advantage of a discount program

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I WISH I COULD
GET SOME
INFORMATION
BEFORE THE
VOTE ...



We're on the same team



Close
to the
Edge

by Scott Spielman

John Zech and City Councilman Don Hartford.

To be honest, I wasn't sure I was going to write a column about it. It's in the past now, after all, and it probably won't do too much good to dig it up again. And at the same time, it makes me feel a bit like a gossip columnist to write about what probably was, after all is said and done, a bit of miscommunication.

A few things led up to the confrontation. Hartford first of all asked for the issue to be tabled when it came up in April. Last week I reported that was because he said he had a plan to better spend the money. That was wrong; he – along with several other members of the council – was simply concerned about the quality of the existing lights.

Since then, however, he put

together a plan to use the same amount of money – relatively – to provide what he thought would be a better upgrade to the area. He gave that presentation about seven weeks ago, asked for input from his fellow council members and apparently didn't get what he hoped for.

Back before he even presented that proposal, I wrote a column about the issue and suggested that the streetlights were a better way to go. It's what the city had planned all along, and I've seen streetscape improvements bear fruit in other communities, too. Besides, I thought that Hartford's plan would primarily be buying up and tearing down

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Wayne firm has unique past



Finding
History

by Valerie Latzman

In recent weeks, the razings of the building known as 'Cheap Charlie's Storage' signaled the physical disappearance of yet another reminder of the great industrial past of the City of Wayne.

Few people driving through Wayne today can find any clue leading them to know about Industrial Wire Cloth, or Purolater, as it became later. Many area residents were employed in that building, manufacturing filters such as carburetor cleaners, automatic transmission strainers, refrigeration dehydrators, oil pump strainers and crank case breathers.

A unique employer, in 1936, the Industrial Wire Cloth Products Corporation, with headquarters in Wayne and plants in Dearborn and Petersburg, MI, offered its employees an unusual health plan. After the "Corporation realized...that a steady supply of efficient, well-equipped and happy employees was necessary to the work of the future," they did two things. They

tested employees to better be able to appropriately place workers by areas of interest and skill. Each applicant and employee was, under the daily presence of Prof. Feinberg, a Detroit psychologist and sociologist, given the Printer-Patterson test to arrive at an I.Q., the Terman revision of the Binet scale, indicating median age and also the Detroit Intelligence and Mechanical aptitude tests.

The employees were given complete physicals and the conclusion was that it "disclosed a certain number are in need of medical, dental and allied attentions...that a neglect of these attentions, in some cases due to expense, makes an insecure foundation for future gainful employment. Good health is the essential of mental and physical happiness."

To help with the problem of cost, the company deposited \$50 for each employee with the Wayne State Bank. The money could only be withdrawn with authorization for use in health-related matters. This amount

would be deposited twice a year. The company also instituted a Tool and Die Apprentice Program and an evening continuation school for all who wished to enroll.

Later, Industrial Wire Cloth would become part of Purolator, a company with its main office in New Jersey and eight additional factories across the U.S. and Canada, as well as plants in England, France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, South Africa and Australia.

On Friday, Aug. 30, 1968, the 280 area employees at Purolator punched out and the Wayne plant closed its doors for the last time. High costs of production were cited as the reason for the fifth-largest taxpayer in Wayne moving to Fayetteville, North Carolina. Regardless of families choosing to move there to work or to stay in Wayne, their lives were forever changed.

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Come on, give the seniors a break

If you watch any television at all, then there is no doubt that you have seen the current chain of Comcast commercials that seem to run every five minutes on every channel.

These commercials are aimed at making the community aware of Comcast's softer side. They are all about creating change and being the one to stand out.

Just in case you have not had the luxury to see one of these commercials, I will give you an example.

Imagine several women in a bathroom doing various things like brushing their teeth, fixing their hair, etc...But one of the

sinks has been left on and even though the women know that it should be turned off, none of them step forward to do it. Then a woman comes into the picture and simply walks up to the sink and turns the water off. This is supposed to show that you have to take action for change to occur.

Each of the commercials ends with the Comcast logo and "Focus on Community" flashes below it.

These commercials have been running for months now, but it wasn't until a couple of weeks ago that I truly began taking offense to the idea that Comcast is working for the community.

How is it possible that a corpo-

ration that is focused on community could even think of taking away a senior discount that has been in effect for more than four years in the City of Romulus?

The former cable provider in Romulus, Media One, gave the seniors in this community a discount, understanding that many of them live on a fixed income and could not afford to spend a lot of money on cable services, because they need to save money for more important things.

Then Comcast came in and took over cable service in the city. The seniors kept their discount – for the last four years, any way. Then all of sudden Comcast just

makes the decision to take it away, because, let's be truthful, they screwed up.

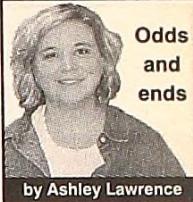
It is not the fault of the Romulus seniors that it took Comcast four years to update their accounting system. I think it is even more disgraceful that when questioned about the rate hike, Fred Eaton of Comcast had the nerve to put the blame on the seniors saying, "Is it fair that they have gotten such a bargain for the last four years?"

I really don't think Comcast is going to go under by honoring a senior discount that they have already been honoring for four years. I don't think that Comcast

is going to lose money, but the seniors in this community will.

For many of these seniors, their cable service is their link to the outside world and to what is going on in their community. These men and women have worked hard and long their whole lives. I don't think it's too much to ask that Comcast understand that these seniors have earned their discount.

Maybe not. Maybe Comcast is so preoccupied to making a fast buck that they forgot how to really be focused on community.



Odds and ends

by Ashley Lawrence

Debate

FROM PAGE 7

ing the vacant land for redevelopment.

He and the rest of the council were informed last month that his proposal would be on the agenda for the Sept. 7 city council meeting, and when he didn't see it, he assumed that his proposal had simply been ignored, and that his rights as a council person – to put forth ideas and try to set a direction for the city – were violated.

It got a little ugly after that.

Zech said he intended the discussion for Hartford's proposal to take place during the streetlight discussion – it's the same money, after all, and it can only be spent once. He said Hartford never directly asked him why it wasn't on the agenda, and if he had, he would have amended it to give it its own space. Zech has since admitted the mistake.

That's not why I decided to write the column, though.

What concerned me about the whole issue is that, toward the end of the debate, some members of the council still seemed to think it was about the streetlights. It wasn't, at least in my opinion. It was about the thought that city officials put on the appearance of soliciting new ideas from younger people or those simply new to the political scene, and when those ideas come forth they're not always speedily acted upon. Maybe impatience plays a part.

Hopefully everyone will learn from the debate and it will foster better communication among city leaders. That's the only way things will get done.

Success

FROM PAGE 7

for prescription drugs. Several counties have taken part, with a great deal of success.

Mayor Sandra Cicirelli talked about it in her State of the City address in April. Now, she's following through on her promise. That in itself can be a rare thing among politicians, but to us, it sounds like the perfect prescription for success.

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THE SCENE

Sequel does little to rise above violence, gore

In the relationship between movies and video games, the movie usually comes first – followed by a cheap silver screen adaptation.

A multi-million dollar budget is set in place, the movie is made, audiences shell out hundreds of millions of dollars to see it, and then store shelves get stocked with the overpriced animated videogame versions of the celluloid hit. It's a simple recipe; think *Spiderman*, *Hulk*, *Lord of the Rings*, and *Star Wars*.

However, the makers of violent yet popular *Resident Evil* video games hope their reverse recipe will work for them again with the release of volume two of the movie series, *Resident Evil: Apocalypse*. The original was a surprise hit in 2002 and grossed more than \$100 million.

But, can a sequel with a few added spices compare to the original? This much-anticipated sequel retains many of the core ingredients and adds a few new elements that might actually enhance its already enticing flavor among fans. That doesn't mean that it's a meal fit for everyone. Unfortunately for me, I was a bit disappointed when I realized the neither *Resident Evil* nor *Resident Evil: Apocalypse* was terrible. They're not great but they weren't awful, which unfortunately means it's considered a hit among this summer's meager movie lineup.

Although *Apocalypse* doesn't offer the creativity of the emotional-fulfilling *Garden State* or the stylishly beautiful *Hero*, it does offer the key ingredient required for a summer hit: entertainment.

Granted, the dialogue is probably the worst ever written; the film does offer the mind-numbing distraction

needed to escape the summertime blues.

Apocalypse starts exactly where the original left off. Alice (Milla Jovovich), one of the two survivors of the biochemical disaster of the original, returns as the hard-nosed, hard-hitting heroine. She wakes up in an abandoned hospital where she discovers the Umbrella Corporation, the most powerful commercial entity in the world and maker of the T-Virus, subjected her to biogenetic experimentation. Alice has been genetically altered with super-human strength, senses and agility.

After making her way out of the hospital, Alice finds herself in the heart of a ravaged and deadly Raccoon City where the evil T-Virus has escaped into the community turning the residents into flesh-eating zombies.

The city is barricaded and quarantined by the Umbrella Corporation, which leaves the survivors fending for themselves against the walking dead.

Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Alice is joined by a handful of other characters, Jill Valentine (Sienna Guillory), Carlos Olivera (Oded Fehr), L.J. (Mike Epps) and Terri Morales (Sandrine Holt) as they try to survive and escape what is quickly becoming the City of the Dead.

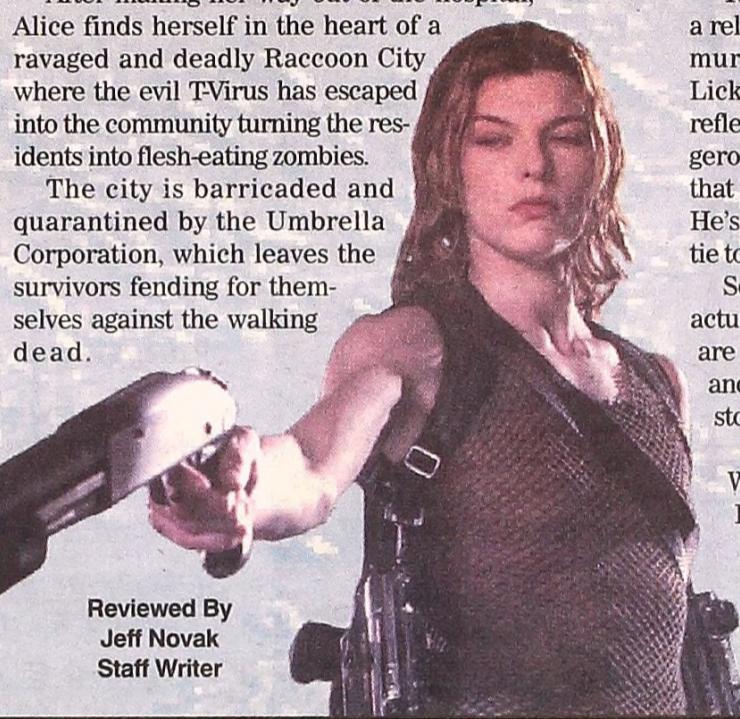
The group receives help from an Umbrella scientist, Dr. Ashford (Jared Harris), who is safe on the outskirts of the city. He guides them through the city via security cameras but only if they save his daughter Angela, who is trapped in her school.

To reach their goal they need to fight their way through a relentless assault of the bloodthirsty zombies as well as murderous Umbrella forces. They also encounter Lickers, deadly bioengineered weapons with cat-like reflexes and elongated tongues. But nothing is more dangerous than the heavily-armed giant Nemesis monster that resembles the Toxic Avenger pumped up on steroids. He's not pretty, but he's an effective assassin with a close tie to Alice.

Some parts of *Apocalypse* are exciting while others are actually frightening—the dialogue for one. Other parts are definitely reminiscent of videogame special effects and plot but there's just enough thrill and intrigue to the story to keep audiences in their seats to the end.

Does the recipe work, though? Don't let it fool you. We're not talking lean fillet mignon grilled up by Emeril LaGasse here—Bam! We're talking greasy Stake-Ums fried up by the Bob the beer-guzzling neighbor. But sometimes you just have to settle for what's being dished out.

And worry not Resident fans; the ending is left wide open for a third installment.



CITY OF ROMULUS APPENDIX B CHAPTER 38 ROMULUS EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN

An Ordinance to amend the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances Chapter 38 Romulus Employee Pension Plan.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1: Short Title

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Ordinance Amendment for 34th District Court Participants' Transfer to the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement System under the Amended Romulus Employee Pension Plan.

Section 2: Effective August 31, 2004, section 38.2. 1(1) is amended and a new Section 38-2.7 is hereby added to read as follows:

See. 38.2.1(1)

Any union or non-union 34th District Court employee whose probationary period ends on or after September 1, 2004 shall not be eligible to participate in this Plan. Any union or non-union 34th District Court employee whose probationary period ends before September 1, 2004 who does not elect to terminate participation in this plan pursuant to Section 38.2.1 below, shall continue as a participant in this plan as provided in Section 38.2. 1 (a).

Sec. 38.2.7. Participation in MERS - 34th District Court Employees Transfer

(a) Each participant who is a 34th District Court participant whether union or non-union shall elect by a date specified by the committee whether to continue as an active participant in this plan or to terminate participation and become a participant in the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement System ("MERS") effective September 1, 2004 [hereinafter the "transfer date"]. If such participant elects to continue as an active participant, the terms of this plan, as amended from time to time, shall govern, and the 34th district court shall continue to make the contributions described in section 38.3.1, or such other rate as may be required pursuant to any future collective bargaining agreement if applicable. If such participant elects to terminate participation and to participate in MERS, then:

- (1) No future 34th District Court contributions shall be made to this plan on behalf of such participant after August 31, 2004;
- (2) Such participant's city contribution account shall be used, in aggregate with the city contribution accounts of all other transferring participants, to purchase past service under the MERS plan from the date each such transferring participant was first hired by the 34th District Court to the date of such transfer. Thereafter, transferred participants shall no longer participate in this plan either directly or indirectly.

Section 3: Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4: Savings

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

Section 5: Severability

Should any clause, sentence, paragraph, subsection or section of this Article be declared void or otherwise invalid, for any reason, by any court, such declaration shall not affect any portion of this Article other than the part specifically declared to be void.

Section 6: Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication in the official newspaper.

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the Romulus City Council at its regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2004.

Linda Choate, CMC
City Clerk

Within forty-five (45) days after the publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

Appendix B
Article I
Romulus Employees Pension Plan

Resolution 04-370

Motion by Romak, supported by Miller in accordance with Section 7.3 of the Romulus City Charter to declare that an emergency exists with the adoption of an Amendment to Chapter 38, Appendix B-Romulus Employees Pension ordinance and same shall be introduced, adopted and made effective immediately.

Roll Call vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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6:30-7:30	Victorian Parade
6:30-9:00	Charlene Berry, Dulcimer
7:30-8:30	Roy Scoutz - Poole's Tavern Stage
7:30-8:00	Josh Casey, Juggler - Reggish Stage
7:30-8:30	Clark's Punch & Judy - Wayne B. Titus Stage
7:30-8:30	Center Stage Dance Performance - Bandshell
8:15-8:45	Josh Casey, Juggler - St. Mary Mercy Stage

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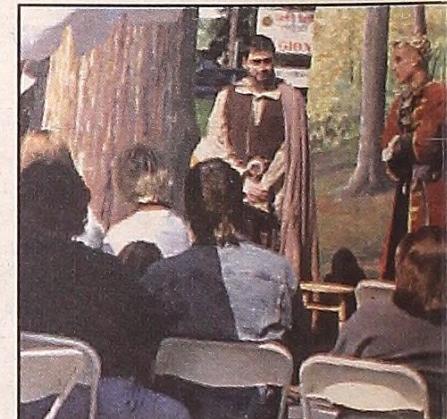
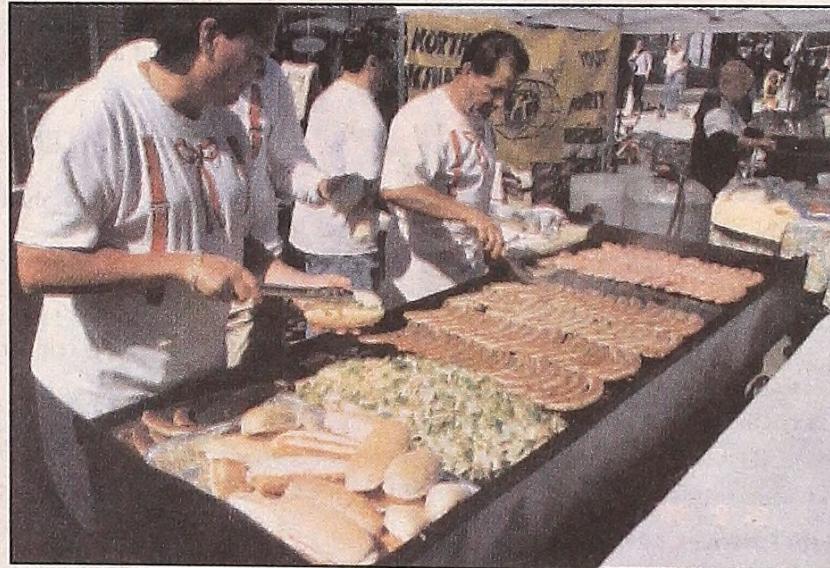
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SPORTS

Undefeated Mustangs trample Wildcats, 66-41

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It looked like a basketball score when the Northville Mustangs ran wild against the Plymouth Wildcats on the gridiron last week in a 66-41 victory.

"We gave up a few more (points) than we wanted to," said Northville Coach Clint Alexander. "We challenged the kids and they played well."

"We knew it was a game that people would want to see and we wanted to put on a show," he added.

And they did. Plymouth scored first but Northville turned around, marched down and scored to tie it up, 7-7. Mike Jameson caught the eight-yard touchdown pass from Charlie Thomas. Place kicker Evan Corbiel converted the extra point to tie the game.

Thomas connected with Steve Clark for a 27-yard score to move the Mustangs ahead, 13-7. They faked the extra point and Thomas pitched the ball to Corbiel who ran it in for the two points. The trick play put Northville up 15-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Things heated up in the second when the 'Stangs scored four more times. Thomas scored on an 18-yard run, followed by Mac Stilec with a 10-yard run. Corbiel added a 30-yard field goal to make it a 32-7 game. Plymouth came back with a score but Thomas added another one for Northville to make it 39-13 at the end of the first half.

Stilec scored Northville's only touch-

down in the third quarter with a 26-yard run. The run made it a 46-19 game. Plymouth scored to make it a 20-point game, 46-26.

In the final quarter, Cody Sivic scampered into the end zone to make it 52-26 and Mike Deluca added another score for Northville on a 15-yard run. Plymouth added more points to the board to make it 59-33.

Sivic scored the final touchdown for Northville with four minutes left. Plymouth's final effort was good for a touchdown and a two-point conversion. The game ended, 66-41.

Thomas finished the night with 133 yards passing with two touchdowns and one interception. He also had four carries for 42 yards and two touchdowns. Stilec was a force with 93 yards on 14 carries and two TD runs. Backup running back Sivic obtained 162 yards on 11 carriers and scored twice. Ren Tukyas had one carry for seven yards.

Sophomore backup quarterback Deluca had five carries for 42 yards and a score. He threw three passes for 19 yards. Jameson caught 7 passes for 70 yards, including the first touchdown. Rich Nejmen grabbed two passes for 31 yards. Both catches were for crucial first downs, according to Alexander.

On defense, Joe Prain had a solid game with five tackles, two sacks and a fumble recovery. He also made a 40-yard pursuit to save a touchdown, Alexander said. David Brady recorded 11 tackles and defensive back Osama El-Sadi made

one interception and recovered a fumble in the win.

Alexander said it was nice to see players that don't get a lot of playing time come into the game and contribute.

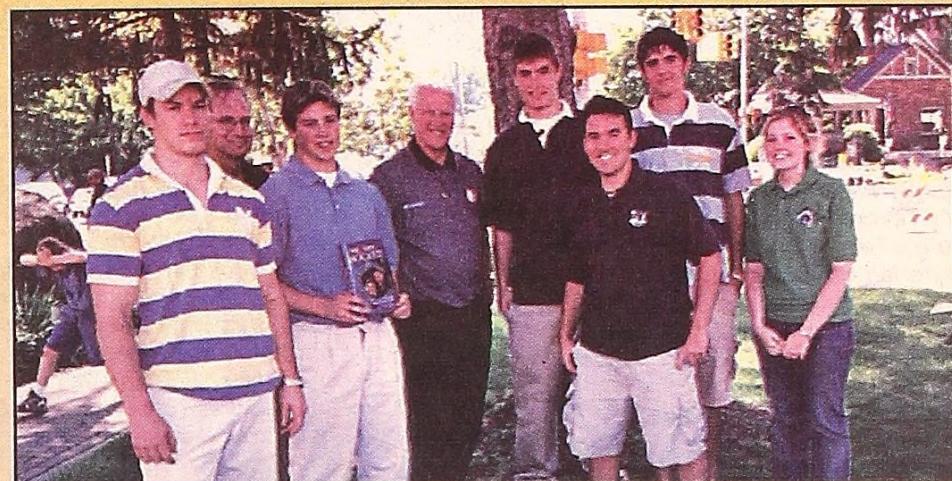
"We treat every player like they are a starter so when they get put into the game they play like a starter," Alexander said.

The second and third stringers added

28 points on offense but also gave up 28 points on defense. Alexander said it wasn't a concern.

Northville heads to Livonia to face the 0-3 Franklin Patriots tomorrow night.

"Franklin is 0-3 and but they have played three undefeated teams," Alexander said. "They're like a wounded animal. If we're not careful they could knock us off."



Hockey legend visits fall fest

Gordie Howe was on hand at the Plymouth Fall Fest last weekend. He took time to sign copies of his new book *Mr. And Mrs. Hockey: A Tribute to the Sports Greatest Couple*. Members of the Plymouth Whalers were also on hand at the festival to sign autographs and to pose with the hockey legend. Pictured above with Howe are Whalers players and personnel (left to right): player Mike Knight; Pete Krupsky, director of communications for the Whalers; player Andrew Fournier; Gordie Howe; player Jonas Fiedler; Doug Peacock, director of community relations for the Whalers; player Tom Sestito; and Whalers' intern Jillian Firoz.

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'Goode' times

Absalom Goode leads Wayne to first victory

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Wayne Zebras earned their first gridiron victory last week when they took on Walled Lake Western. They fell behind in the first half but bounced back to overcome the Warriors in the second to win 30-23 in overtime.

The Zebras were spurred on by the return of multi-faceted senior Absalom Goode, who was the core of their offense.

The wonder boy played at quarterback, running back, wide receiver and kicker. He also returned punts and kickoffs.

"He even fills popcorn in the stands at halftime," joked Wayne Coach Wayne Hnatuk.

Goode finished the night with 300 all-purpose yards. He ran for two touchdowns, including the game-winner in overtime, passed for another score and kicked a 39-yard field goal.

Goode hit the field goal in the first quarter to get the Zebras on the board but the quarter ended with Wayne behind, 7-3.

He hit Eugene Hister on a

sweep pass in the second frame of play. The play was good for 55 yards and a touchdown but the Zebras still trailed, 17-10 at the end of the first half.

In the third, Goode punched the ball in from three yards out to knot the game at 17. His run was the only score by either team in the third quarter.

Wayne's Darien Miller made a crucial interception in the fourth quarter that set up the go-ahead touchdown. Goode's next pass was tipped but it landed in the hands of Hister who carried it in for the 35-yard score. The bobble play put the Zebras up, 23-17. The extra point attempt failed and Western had an opportunity on their final possession.

They took full advantage and sent junior halfback Steve Nagrant into the end zone. The score knotted the game at 23 but their extra point failed and sent the game into overtime. Nagrant ended the game with 95 yards rushing.

Who do you give the ball to when the game is on the line? The kid that can do it all, that's

It was Goode's first game back and he made a huge difference.

who. In overtime, Goode ran in the final score to put the game away, 30-23.

"It was Goode's first game back and he made a huge difference," Hnatuk said. "The whole team was sparked by just having the one player back."

Blain Simmons did his part on offense also and gained 75 yards on 12 carries. Hnatuk said that defensive lineman Justin Bowie

had an outstanding game and is one of the best D-lineman in the state.

The win came at an important time as the 1-2 Zebras gear up to host the undefeated Canton Chiefs tomorrow night.

"We had to win against Western if we are to have any chance at all to beat Canton," Hnatuk said. "Canton's a very impressive team. I think they are better this year than they were last year."

"We just can't make any mistakes. We're going to have to make them work for everything they get. That's something they're not used to. They rely on the big plays and we can't give those up."

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Romulus Eagles soar past Southgate, escape Belleville

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Lady Eagles came out on top in their first two road games of the season last week.

They played an undefeated Southgate Titans team from the Mega Red division last Thursday to end the week. Romulus led the entire way and recorded a 62-53 victory.

It was mix of senior leadership and making free throws that won the game for Romulus, according to Romulus Coach Rhonda Henry.

The team was 23-38 from the free throw line with 15 of the baskets made in the second half, she said. Senior point guard Paris Hawkins hit 10 of 12 from the line while senior forward Ashley

Sibby was 6 for 8 from the line in the fourth quarter.

"That really was the difference in the game," Henry said. "In previous years we didn't have any senior leadership. Both (Sibby and Hawkins) stepped up when we needed them to."

Romulus led by one point after one quarter but scored 21 points in the second to extend their lead to 36-27. The Titans brought the game to within five points by the end of the third, 44-39. Southgate cut it to four points to start the fourth but the resilient Eagles made their free throws and surged toward the 62-53 victory.

The 5-foot-4 Hawkins led the team on offense with 18 points. She recorded seven rebounds, which moved her into second on the team. She also notched 6

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Rhonda Henry

assists and blocked six Southgate shots. Sibby recorded a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Landria Buckley knocked down 11 points and nabbed 10 rebounds for her first double double.

Romulus 65, Belleville 56

Despite foul trouble early in the first half the Eagles pulled out

a 65-56 road victory last Tuesday against the unpredictable Belleville Tigers.

Six of Romulus' top players had four fouls each by the beginning of the second quarter.

"Fouls just didn't go our way," Henry said. "The game was called really tight and the fouls really hurt us. Belleville could have easily won the game."

A deep bench that can play well in tight situations helped Romulus move ahead for the victory, she said.

The Eagles started out with a 24-9 first quarter lead but Belleville cut into the lead when they outscored Romulus 18-15 in the second. The half ended 39-27 in favor of Romulus.

The Tigers inched closer with a 9-7 third quarter to make it a 10-

point game, 46-36. They continued to score on the foul-troubled Eagles in the fourth and outscored Romulus again, 20-19. The first quarter damage was too much for the Tigers to overcome and Romulus squeaked out the 65-56 victory.

Romulus' senior guard Janiece Armstrong led with 21 points and five assists. Sibby, who only played a quarter and a half because of foul trouble, scored 14 points and grabbed 7 rebounds. Hawkins, in the same situation as Sibby, put in 12 points and recorded seven rebounds and seven assists. Buckley knocked down 10 points and nabbed nine rebounds.

Romulus plays a tough Monroe team tonight at home. They will start league play at Truman on Thursday, Sept. 23.

Plymouth Salem defeats Northern, 27-7, remains undefeated

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On September 25, 2004, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 237 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.
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1992 Ford PU 1FTCR10A6NUD34910 44-821-04
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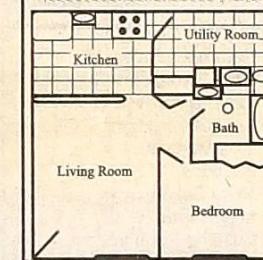
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Joannie D. Payne, CMC
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Up in arms

Sunset of assault weapon ban draws concern from area police

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

After 10 years of successfully taking assault weapons off the streets, gun stores are again selling more than 19 different weapons that were outlawed by the 1994 assault weapons ban.

The ban, which expired Monday at midnight, was put in place by the U.S. Congress as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994.

The ban required domestic gun manufacturers to stop production of semi-automatic assault weapons and ammunition clips holding more than 10 rounds, except for military or police use. It covered more than 19 different weapons, including the AK-47 and Uzi rifle. The purpose of it was to take the assault weapons off the streets because, according to local police chiefs, there is only one true use for the weapons; to kill.

"The assault weapons are made to kill people," said Romulus Police Chief Charles Kirby. "Anyone can say that they are using them for another purpose, like hunting, but when it comes down to it, they are made and used to kill."

According to the U. S. Department of Justice, since the ban was enacted there has been a 65.8 percent reduction in the use of these kinds of weapons in crimes. In 2002, they accounted

for only 1.22 percent of guns used in violent crimes, down from 3.5 percent in 1995.

While the issue of assault weapons may seem like something that is more important in a urban city like Detroit, that is not the case.

Mike Sumeracki, Wayne police chief, said that the assault weapons ban is important in all areas. He cited the example of a shooting that occurred four years ago where a Garden City police officer was shot 14 times with an assault rifle.

"People see it as something that happens in major urban areas and big cities, but the reality is that weapons like that can hurt one of my officers," said Sumeracki. "It (the ban) reduces the chance that that might occur."

Paul Davis, Belleville police chief, agreed.

"Now the police department will be outgunned by the public. An armed officer will not stand a chance," said Davis. "The ban will make everyone safer."

He, too, discounted arguments that such weapons are used for hunting and home defense. "There is no reason why a person would need an assault weapon," said Davis. If it is hunting they would want one for, then I don't buy that, because there are guns for hunting. What kind of individual would want an assault weapon? Human killers."

Although the assault weapons

were, up until Monday, banned for civilian possession, many police departments have these weapons in their arsenal in response to a number of fast food and school shootings in the early 90s.

"After Columbine, the thinking changed," said Sumeracki. "Before that we would go into a situation like that and set up a perimeter and wait for the special tactics teams. Now we've trained our officers to go in and take care of business."

The Belleville Police Department also carries assault weapons as part of the arsenal, mainly because of incidents like Columbine.

"We never use them, but we need to have tools for situations that may arise in the schools, or even going into a drug house for a raid," said Davis. "We have to match fire power with fire power."

The cities of Wayne and Inkster also hold assault weapons in their arsenals.

Many law enforcement organizations made a plea to both the federal and state governments not to allow this ban to lapse.

Plymouth Township police chief Tom Tiderington, along with chiefs in the state of Michigan has been lobbying through the Michigan Police Chiefs Association and the Wayne County Police

Chiefs Association for a state version of the ban, but Tiderington said there doesn't seem to be much interest in Lansing.

"It seems like it's falling on deaf ears," said Tiderington.

That may no longer be the case, however. State Sen. Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) and State Sen. Liz Brater (D-Ann Arbor) introduced legislation last Thursday that would regulate the manufacture, possession, purchase, sale and transfer of assault weapons. Called the Assault Weapon Regulation Act, Senate Bill SB 1381 has been referred to the senate Committee on Judiciary.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-

Canton), who is on that committee, said he has some concerns with the language in the proposal, though. It doesn't distinguish between semi-automatic weapons, which fire a shot with every squeeze of the trigger, and fully automatic weapons. Fully automatic weapons are already outlawed, Patterson said. They've been illegal since the 1930s. And the right to bear arms is protected by the constitution.

"It's clearly a serious issue and it merits clear policy discussion," Patterson said. "But it's a federal issue. That's probably where it should be."

Andrea King and Scott Spielman contributed to this story.

Fund raiser to boost library programs

Members of the Friends of the Wayne Public Library will turn to an old favorite for their largest fundraiser of the year: wine and cheese.

The group will host a wine and cheese tasting fundraiser at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28, according to Library Director Lois VanStipdonk.

The group has hosted the event for six years now, she said. It will take place at the library, and be put on by Tim McCarthy, who owns and operates Cost Plus Wines at the Eastern Market in Detroit.

McCarthy picks both the wines he'll showcase that night and the cheeses that go with them, she added. They vary in taste and style, and will include non-alcoholic wines, as well.

"He tries to focus on inexpensive, but good wine," VanStipdonk said.

The funds generated go to a variety of

programs at the library, according to VanStipdonk.

"Any incidental expenses that we can pick up, we do," said Dee Ryan, a member of the Friends of the Library board.

This year, the group hopes to purchase a large globe in the honor of Bud Stein, a long-time member of the library board, Wayne resident and business owner.

They also use the funds to pay for some of the speakers that give presentations at the library, like the upcoming presentation from Ike McKinnon.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$15 and can be purchased from any member of the Friends of the Library or at the library, which is on Wayne Road between the eastbound and westbound sides of Michigan Avenue.

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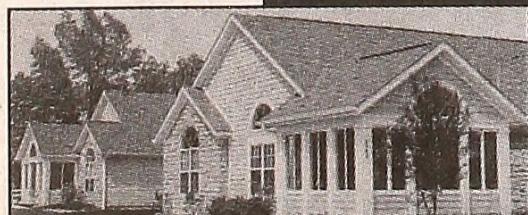
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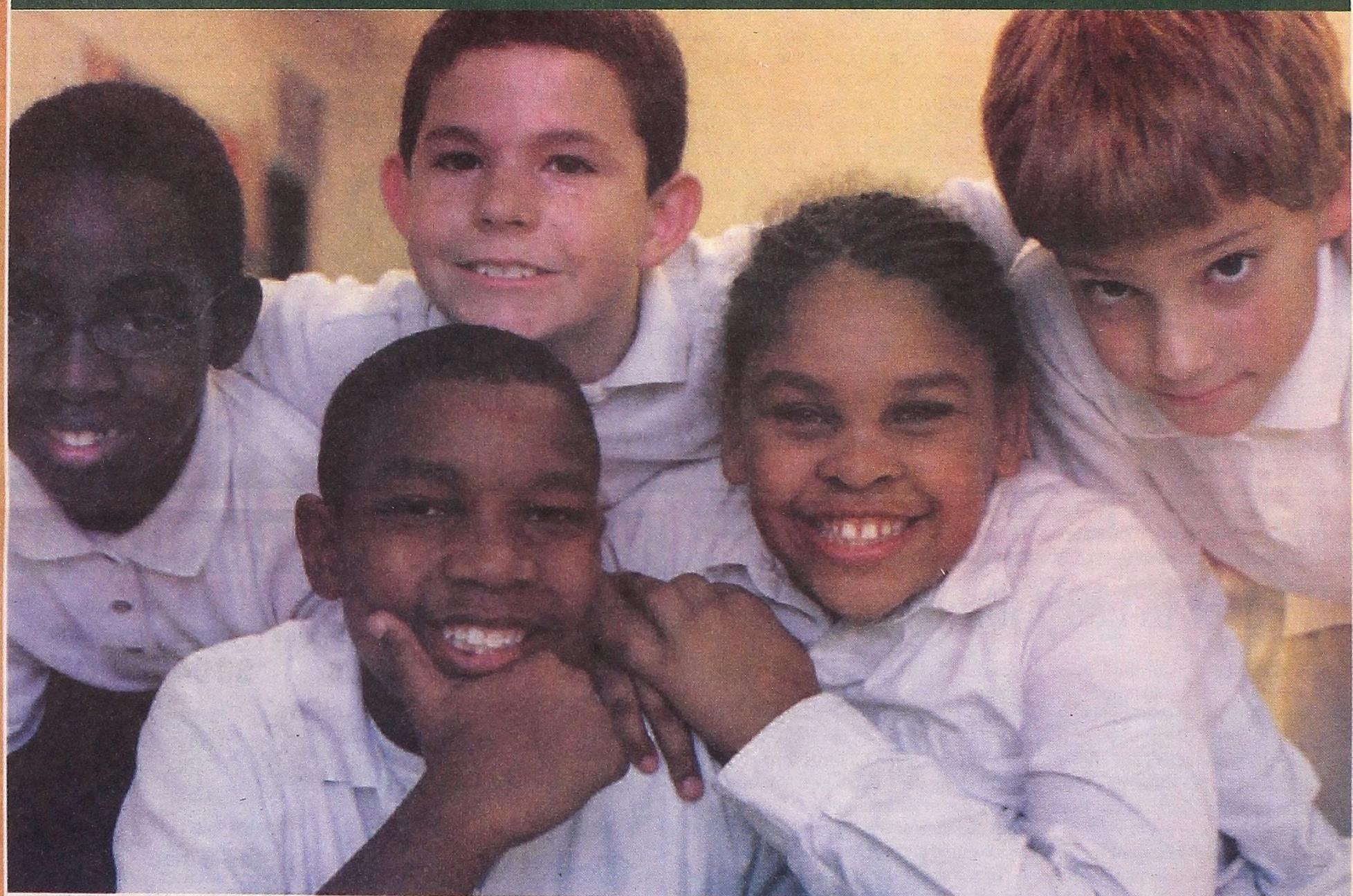


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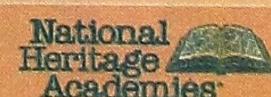


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